GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6034
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FEAR OF SEA ATTACK FROM PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the speech of the Chief of Naval Staff at Pune on April 3, 2000, wherein he had cautioned about sea attack by Pakistan Navy on the lines of Kargil intrusion;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether there is any basis for such apprehension; and

(d) if so, the precautionary measures taken to meet such emergent situations?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Chief of the Naval Staff stated at Pune on April 3, 2000 that we were facing an uncertain security environment in the region. The Low Intensity Conflict was a cheap option for Pakistan, both on land and sea, and adequate precautions against a Kargil type misadventure at sea were necessary.

(c) The deployment of additional personnel by Pakistan from its forces in the vicinity of Rann of Kutch have been noted.

(d) The Indian Armed Forces and Para Military Forces continue to maintain strict vigilance and surveillance in the Western Sector. Precautionary measures to deal with any contingency have been taken.